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The San Diego Union's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON-Talk of John A. McCone's possi-/ ble resignation shortly as chief of the Central Intelligence Agency has projected the name of Roswell L. Gilpatric to the top as his successor.

Gilpatric was deputy secretary of defense from Jan. 24, 1961, until Jan. 28, 1964, when he was succeeded by Cyrus R. Vance. A partner in a New York law firm, Gilpatric is now directing President Johnson's task force on atomic proliferation.

Vance also has been mentioned as McCone's successor, but well-placed sources here say he and the rest of Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's top team are being urged to stay on at least until after the defense budget hearings on capitol hill.

These will run well into next year, but will be completed before the end of the fiscal year June 30. Pentagon sources are picking Gilpatrick for Mc-Cone's CIA job.

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Security checks are reportedly under way on former Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell L. Gilpatric as the probable new director of the Central Intelligence Agency to succeed John A. McCone. Gilpatric, 58, is a New York attorney. As Deputy Defense Secretary under Robert S. McNamara, he was a controversial central figure in the 1963 dispute in Congress over award of a \$6.5 billion contract to build a TFX fighter plane,

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